

REMARKS

Claims 14-17, 19-21, 23-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being unpatentable over Oellerking in view of Christensen. The Examiner states that a limitation of the intended use of the material does not patentably distinguish the claimed fabric.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. The claims have now been written to recite a composite comprising the material formed according to the present invention and a second substrate to which the material is fixed by the auxiliary fixing means. Support for this can be found in the specification as filed at page 6 and in figures 3A and 3B, wherein the fixing portion including auxiliary fixing means is used to fix the material to a second substrate, such as a column, sheet, etc. There is nothing in either Oellerking or Christensen that would lead one skilled in the art to use weldable fabrics to produce such a composite.

Oellerking discloses a repair patch made of fabric coated with weldable plastics materials for repairing sheets. In this case, no auxiliary fixing means is needed to use the patch for repairs. Christensen discloses a method of joining weldable fabrics using a lap joint. There is no disclosure or suggestion of using this particular structure with a second substrate.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted


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that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and
favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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14. (Amended) The material according to claim 2731 |
wherein said welding portion extends across the entire width
of the welding fabric.

----- 15. (Amended) The material according to claim 2731 ----- |
wherein said welding portion extends across part of the width
of the welding fabric.

16. (Amended) The material according to claim 2731 |
wherein said welding portion comprises a warp coated with a
thermoplastic material.

17. (Amended) The material according to claim 2731 |
wherein said welding portion comprises a warp made of fibers
coated with a thermoplastic material.

19. (Amended) The material according to claim 2731 |
wherein said welding portion is at each end of said welding
fabric.

20. (Amended) The material according to claim 2731 |
wherein said welding portion is in the middle portion of said
fabric.

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21. (Amended) The material according to claim 2731 |
comprising two fixing portions connected edge-to-edge with
each other.

23. (Amended) The material according to claim 3033 |
----- wherein said two welding portions are attached to the middle -----
of said fixing portion.

24. (Amended) The material according to claim 3033 |
wherein said two welding portions are branched from one edge
of said fixing portion.

25. (Amended) The material according to claim 2733 |
wherein the substrate is any substrate which can be subjected
to hot pressing.

28. (Amended) The material according to claim 2731 |
wherein said auxiliary fixing means comprises holes bored at a
suitable interval in the fixing portion.

29. (Amended) The material according to claim 2731 |
wherein said auxiliary fixing means comprises straps provided
in the fixing portion.